

Press Release

**MAYOR MATHIS ANNOUNCES HIAWASSEE SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND –
MOUNTAIN REALTY MAKES THE FIRST PRIVATE DONATION**

Barbara Mathis, Mayor of Hiawassee, has announced a new Hiawassee Project Fund comprised of Private Donations. This fund will be used to fund activities or projects not commonly thought of as the responsibility of local governments or of the taxpayers. It is the City's goal to raise \$10,000.00 in private donations during 2015 towards Hiawassee Special Projects. No tax dollars will be used for these projects.

Current plans included the purchase of Christmas Decorations for the City Square and Hiawassee Christmas Tree and the sponsorship of a Hiawassee Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Celebration. The fund may also be used in beautifying city streets and public property.

Mountain Realty owner Janet Allen, a sitting Hiawassee Council member, presented to Mayor Barbara Mathis this past week a check in excess of \$5,000 as a donation towards the \$10,000 fund goal. The City also has already had volunteers including Connie Fisher of the Hiawassee Planning Committee to agree to head an effort to contact local business and citizens for additional donations. Plans also include the involvement of local high school students in the Special Project efforts.

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